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Mint of the United States at New Orleans, La.,

Superintendent's Office,

January 3d 1886:

Hon. Horatio C. Burchard,

Director of the Mint.

Sir:

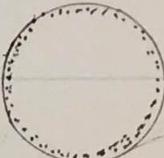
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They desire that the medals shall be of two sizes - viz - of the quarter and half dollar; that the composition as nearly

as possible resemble polished gold and silver. The reverse die, on which is the "Souvenir" should have the letters in the word correspond in height to the dotted line on the sketch.

The management request that you will order the planchets ready to stamp - if possible; if not, then the strips; the purchase of the strips may entail the loss of all clippings.

They desire a sufficient number to strike 100,000; that is 50,000 of each denomination in the two colors. It is further suggested, that if the engraver can add

a scroll or braided edge next to the wreath  
and inside the rim, similar to the work  
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character, and for a National purpose;  
but, if there is to be any expense, to inform  
them through me - at an early date -

and a check for the amount would be given.

I informed them that the Department could not guarantee the payment of the strips or planchets to be furnished; they replied, if you will forward a bill a check for the amount will be deposited to the credit of the parties furnishing them.

Very respectfully,

H. P. Lawver,

Assayer Mint Bureau.

The Mint of the United States at New Orleans, La.,

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,

January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1885.

W. P. Lawver  
Assayer

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